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Winter Movie Preview. Many of the movies chasing Oscars in 2013 haven't even come out yet, including the star-studded period romp "American Hustle." **Turn off your brains.** There's still popcorn fare like "Anchorman 2" and the second "Hobbit." PAGE 16

DO THE HUSTLE!

From left, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper, Jeremy Renner, Christian Bale and Jennifer Lawrence go 1970s in "American Hustle," coming out next month. / FRANCOIS DUHAMEL

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Blackhawks can't pay for championship trip

Funds. The Blackhawks are competing for a Pop Warner National Championship.

For the second time in three years, the North Philly Blackhawks played their way into the Pop Warner National Championship tournament. And for the second time, they need help getting there.

"The easy part is football," said Keon Savoy, a co-head coach. "The hard part is the financing, considering we're in such an urban area. Not an easy place to be looking for money."

The week before the 120-pound Blackhawks were set to leave for the annual tournament in Walt Disney World three years ago, coaches and officials felt their pockets.

After hearing of their financial problems, Mayor Michael Nutter gathered the $26,500 from local organizations to get the team to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. And the team won the Division I Pee Wee championship game, 24-20.

Quoted

"We're heading to Florida, but now we gotta get all of this money together. We have to be down there for seven days." Savoy

This year, to win it all, the group of boys will have to beat three teams to bring home the championship for the second time.

Savoy, who played for the North Philly Blackhawks in the mid-1990s and never left, said he reached out to Temple University, the city and other organizations for help.

Mark McDonald, Nutter's press secretary, said the city has received the Blackhawks request and is reviewing it.

Temple spokesman Ray Betzner said he had not heard of a request from the Blackhawks as of Tuesday afternoon.

"We'll do our best to get back down there," he said, "and try to bring one more championship back to Philadelphia."

Who's all going?

27 Players

10 Football coaches

14 Cheerleaders and three coaches

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An empty table for Un-Thanksgiving

Immigrant supporters and activists held an "Un-Thanksgiving" rally calling for immigration reform and an end to deportations at City Hall on Tuesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Sentenced. Parents get up to 60 years for death of 6-year-old

Latiff Hadi and Tina Cuffie were both sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison Tuesday for starving and beating their 6-year-old son to death, Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams announced.

Khalil Wimes, 6, weighed only 29 pounds when he was pronounced dead March 29, 2012, inside his home on the 1800 block of N. 22nd Street.

Hadi and Cuffie were convicted of third-degree murder after a trial in September.

At the time of his death, Wimes' body was covered in bruises, he had 15 scars visible on his face and there were hemorrhages beneath the skin of his head, a medical examiner testified.

Khalil Wimes / FILE PHOTO

Cuffie told police after Wimes' death that she had previously smacked him on the back of the head and he fell on the bathroom floor, was disoriented afterward and never recovered before dying.

Wimes lived with a foster family for the first three years of his life before Hadi and Cuffie, his biological parents, won custody of him in 2009. METRO

Update

Accused Bucks rapist charged as an adult

JOSHUA BENSON
BENSALEM POLICE

The 18-year-old Bensalem male accused of raping a handful of teenage girls will be charged as an adult.

Joshua Ray Benson, a Utah native who moved to Bucks County three years ago, will be charged with the sexual assault of five teenaged girls he allegedly raped when he was a juvenile.

Bensalem police said Benson would meet girls on a dating website, gain their trust and then pressure them into sex, at which point he became violent.

At least one victim said she did not give consent and was forcibly raped.

Benson was already in police custody late last week when he was charged with the sexual assault of two more girls who they say he raped as an 18-year-old.

Last weekend, two more women said Benson assaulted them as well, which brings the total of victims to nine. Police are investigating the two newest complaints. METRO

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City wants Philly to get health care

Explaining Obamacare. A grass-roots group active in 11 states is teaming up with the city to lead health care outreach.

Enroll America Pennsylvania has made Philadelphia its first official city partner in efforts to spread information to the general public about how citizens can sign up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, Mayor Michael Nutter announced Tuesday.

Nutter conceded that Obamacare has had "a bit of a rocky start," but urged citizens to take advantage of Enroll America's assistance.

"I hope more Philadelphians will make their health and well-being a priority and get enrolled," he said.

Nutter said that there are more than 210,000 uninsured people in Philadelphia.

Of these, 135,000 people should be eligible to sign up through the Affordable Care Act, said Donald Schwarz, deputy mayor for health.

Now, 311 operators and other city employees are trained to help citizens sign up.

Enroll America staff and volunteers are attending community meetings and going door to door with brochures and signing people up for informational mailings.

"We're sweeping everywhere across the city," said Pennsylvania State Director Bill England.

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By the numbers

210K
Uninsured people in Philadelphia

135K
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Uninsured statewide

Holding on tight on the USS George

Boatswain's Mate Seaman Colin Ramsey, right, from Philadelphia, joins Seaman Apprentice Joshua Murphy in holding a heaving line in place during a replenishment-at-sea between the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) and the Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship USNS Charles Drew (T-AKE 10). / PAOLO BAYAS

Ranked

Wharton excels globally: Report

The Wharton School at UPenn was ranked third most recognizable to employers in North America by the QS Global Business Schools Report 2013/14.

The rankings came out Tuesday, based on a global survey of 4,318 business recruiters.

"With graduates from 'elite global' schools in both North America and Europe now commanding average salaries in advance of US$120,000, the MBA remains one of the safest investments around," said Nunzio Quacquarelli, managing director of QS. METRO

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Salvation Army to give away turkey dinners

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Christmas Village opens Thursday at Love Park

Celebrate. The village has extended its hours and will be open until New Year's Day this year.

The annual Christmas Village opens at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving and will remain open until Jan. 1, a week later than previous years.

Organizer Thomas Bauer said there was demand to stay open longer.

"We will give people who have visitors or family in during the holidays a chance to come out," Bauer said.

More than 60 vendors featuring ornaments, artwork, jewelry, live Christmas trees and more will be available.

On Nov. 30, the village welcomes the original Christkind, the traditional bringer of gifts in Germany, from Nuremberg.

That kicks off the month-long schedule of events that also includes Army/Navy weekend, glass painting, a meet and greet with Santa Claus, live music and more.

"There is also a great opportunity to eat," Bauer said. European fare includes German bratwurst, Belgian waffles and Austrian strudel.

The village will be open during the Mummers Parade on Jan. 1; the parade goes right by Love Park.

The village moved across from its original location in Dilworth Plaza near City Hall two years ago due to construction there.

Key events

Highlights of this year's Christmas Village are:

- **Nov. 28** — Sneak Peek opening day
- **Nov. 30** — Grand opening with Christkind, 1 p.m.
- **Dec. 4** — Tree lighting, 5 p.m.
- **Dec. 7-8** — German American Weekend

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Frozen in time

A pedestrian braves the rain and freezing temperatures as he walks past the frozen fountain at Logan Square in Center City on Tuesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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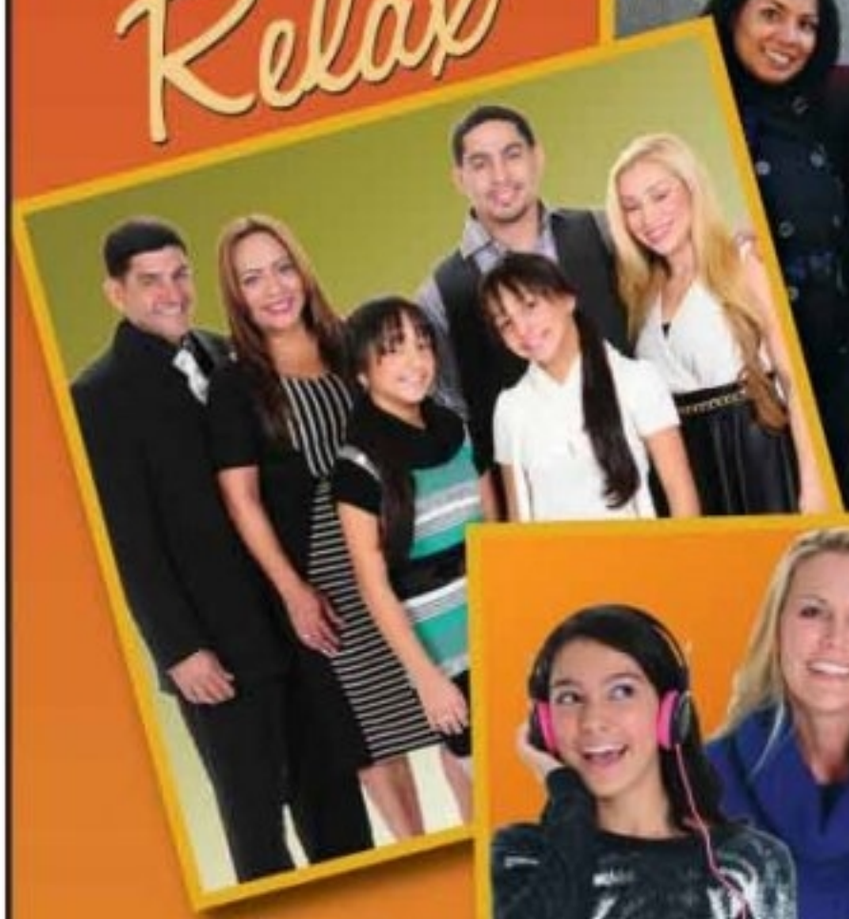

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US Supreme Court agrees to hear Obamacare contraception cases

High-profile issue. Oral arguments will likely be scheduled for March, with a ruling due by June.

Women's rights groups say a ruling in favor of the companies would make key preventive measures that Obamacare makes available for women for no out-of-pocket cost less widely available. / COLOURBOX

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed on Tuesday to consider corporations' religious objections to a provision of President Barack Obama's health care law. It requires employers to provide health insurance that covers birth control.

The so-called "contraception mandate" of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare, requires employers to provide health insurance policies that include preventive services for women, such as access to contraception and sterilization.

The health care law has faced political and legal hurdles since Obama made it a signature policy upon taking office in 2009. It came under scrutiny again this month because of the many problems individuals experienced trying to sign up for insurance via new online exchanges.

In June 2012, the justices upheld, on a 5-4 vote, the constitutionality of Obamacare's core feature that requires people to get health insurance.

The two cases the court agreed to hear are not a direct challenge to the contraception mandate itself. The question, which has no bearing on the broader fate of the health care law, is whether closely held companies owned by individuals who object to the provision on religious grounds can be exempted from the requirement. Religious institutions are exempted from the regulation. REUTERS

Quoted

"If the Supreme Court decides for bosses rather than for women's health, far-reaching consequences could result. ... Women could find their bosses not only interfering in their private reproductive health care decisions, but other care as well."

Marcia Greenberger
Co-president of the National Women's Law Center

Health insurers

Plan adjusts 2014 risk payments

The U.S. government has issued a proposal that would likely increase risk payments in 2014 to health insurers offering plans on the Obamacare exchanges after the companies complained a recent policy change allowing people to keep their insurance policies had changed the financial equation.

The rule lowered the threshold at which risk payments kick in for the sickest health plan members. The government proposed paying insurers 80 percent of claims greater than $45,000 in 2014.

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Secret Service agents

Supreme Court to review Bush protest case

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to decide whether two U.S. Secret Service agents can be sued for allegedly treating protesters gathered in support of former President George W. Bush more favorably than protesters critical of him.

The agents appealed a lower court ruling that allowed the lawsuit against them to move forward.

The case concerns an incident that took place in October 2004 when Bush decided to eat on an outdoor patio, and the agents relocated anti-Bush protesters who had gathered outside. REUTERS

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US seeking Iran's help in finding missing American

Search. The FBI said that it has been investigating his disappearance since 2007.

In an apparent effort to test Iranian goodwill following a landmark nuclear deal, the United States on Tuesday asked Iran for help in finding an American private investigator who has been missing there for more than six years.

The White House called for Iran's cooperation in locating retired Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Robert Levinson, who disappeared during a business trip to an Iranian island in the Persian Gulf in March 2007.

In November 2010, a video surfaced in which Levinson asked for help in winning his freedom but did not say who was holding him or where. The Iranian government has repeatedly said it knows nothing about his disappearance or whereabouts.

Levinson is known to suffer from diabetes, raising questions about the state of his health. But a friend of the missing man and his family said on Tuesday that there was reason to believe that Levinson was still alive.

On Monday, the FBI's Washington Field Office issued a statement noting that on Tuesday, Levinson would become "one of the longest-held Americans in history," overtaking the record of 2,454 days in captivity spent by Associated Press journalist Terry Anderson in Lebanon before he was freed in 1991.

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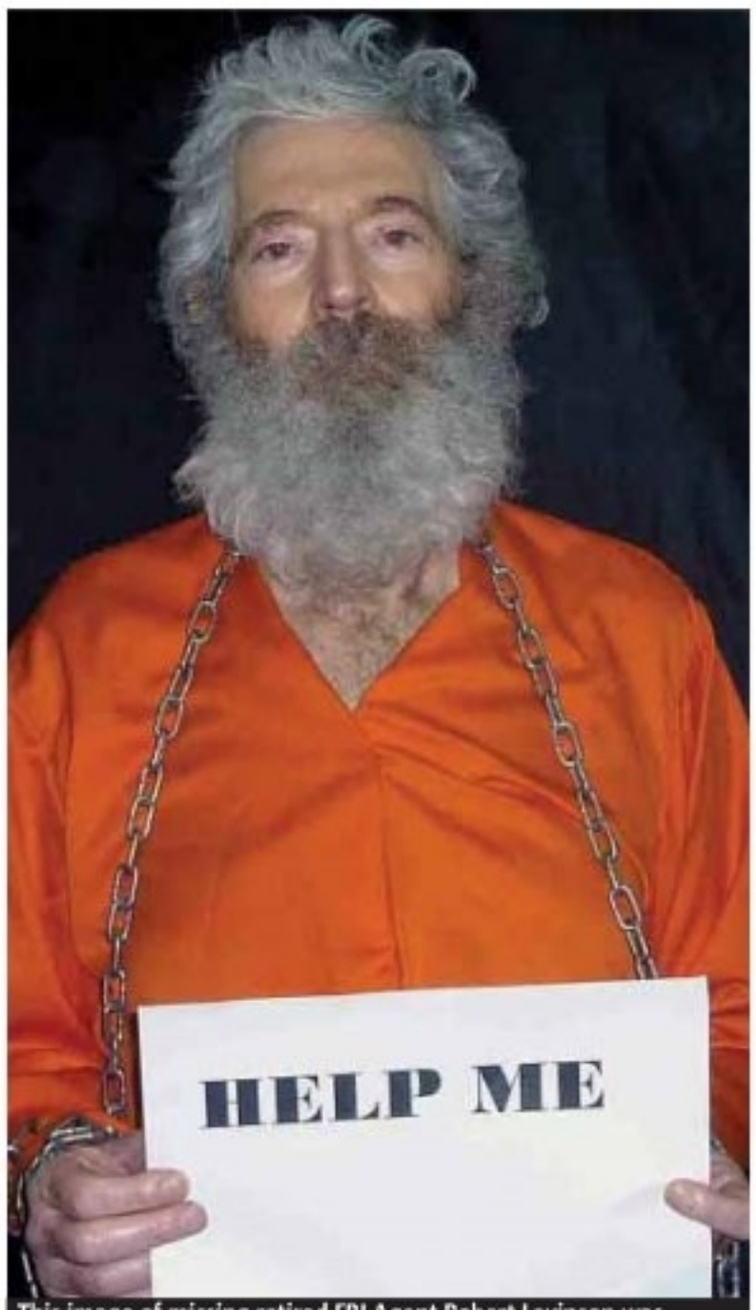

This image of missing retired FBI Agent Robert Levinson was emailed anonymously to Levinson's family in 2011. / FBI

Quoted

"We welcome the assistance of our international partners in this investigation, and we respectfully ask the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to assist us in securing Mr. Levinson's health, welfare and safe return."

The White House said in a statement

Retrial. Italian prosecutor seeks total of 30 years for Knox

An Italian prosecutor asked for a total sentence of 30 years for American student Amanda Knox on Tuesday in a retrial for the murder of her British roommate Meredith Kercher.

The prosecution also requested a 26-year sentence for Knox's Italian former boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito. The two are accused of killing the 21-year-old Leeds University student in a drug-fueled assault in 2007 in the central Italian town of Perugia.

The prosecutor asked for a longer penalty for Knox because of an additional charge of implicating a bar owner, Patrick Lumumba, in statements to police. Lumumba was cleared of involvement.

REUTERS

Amanda Knox / GETTY IMAGES

Shooting spree

Conn. judge orders release of Newtown 911 tapes

A Connecticut judge on Tuesday ordered the release of the 911 tapes of calls from Sandy Hook Elementary School made during the Dec. 14 shooting spree that killed 20 children and six adults.

Supreme Court Judge Eliot Prescott directed officials to release the audio recordings by Dec. 4, a date chosen to give the state, which has fought the release, time to appeal.

Connecticut's Freedom of Information Commission had ordered Newtown police to provide journalists with copies of the audio recordings, but officials appealed the ruling.

State's Attorney Stephen Sedensky said in a statement he was reviewing the judge's decision.

On Monday, Sedensky released a report on the Newtown massacre that concluded the shooter, Adam Lanza, had acted alone, but that his motivation for the attack "may never" be answered.

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Day 18: Temp empathizes with ducklings

I stayed for a while at Chantelle's, but declined her vodka as I still had to drive to the oil refinery to meet with Kyle, who answered a meet-for-coffee text with: "blue gate, refinery north road, 7:45 look for billboard with photo of happy mallard duck family."

See more at www.metro.us

"My heart felt like one of those little ducklings onto which a massive Acme cartoon anvil has fallen from a mile up." / STOCKBYTE

Indeed I found the Duck Family portrait with the banner caption, "Always Putting the Environment First." It stood in front of a crude oil-cracking facility straight out of a sci-fi film where mutants on a slave planet convert poor people into snacks for the master species.

"Isn't this place great?" asked Kyle, coming in from the parking lot and wearing his still brand-new journeyman's outfit. "I start on the 8 o'clock night shift. I'm totally stoked."

"Kyle, this place is freaky, and who knows what toxins there are in there."

"Shannon, for a guy with no degree this is a good foot in the door. And if I play my cards right, I can be a supervisor in a few years."

My heart felt like one of those little ducklings onto which a massive Acme cartoon anvil has fallen from a mile up. "Where's Mr. Burns' office?"

"Admin's about a mile thataway. Why are you so bummed out? I've got a real grown-up- job job. You should be happy for me."

I was silent.

"And look, I can maybe go work in Libya or Abu Dhabi and make crazy money. That's where the action is. Six months in the Emirates — business-class ticket each way — live in a walled compound with satellite TV and well-stocked fridges? The sky's the limit."

I sighed.

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"I didn't."

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When did Kyle drink the "New Kyle" Kool-Aid? I never saw this coming.

He asked, "Why did you want to see me, anyway? Trying to get me involved in your evil plot with the Chinese?"

"As a matter of fact, yes."

"I don't think I'm the espionage type."

"It's not espionage."

"Look, now's not the time for this. I'm going to be late on my first day if I don't get in right now." He started edging backward toward the entryway. "Besides, this is where I'm at in my life right now. I'm an oil guy."

"Promise me you'll call if you change your mind?"

"Gotta go Shannon. Bye."

I waved goodbye and got back into Danimal's BMW. I turned on the radio where "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas was playing and promptly began bawling.

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New heaters go to Pennsylvania residents by zip code

Brand new heaters are being delivered to the first Philadelphia area residents who call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to get the new Mini-Glo Heaters to drastically slash home heat bills

Never be cold again: If you live in one of the Philadelphia area zip codes listed below call the special 48 hour hotlines to get the new heater that only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker to help make heat bills hit rock bottom

PENNSYLVANIA – The Toll Free Hotlines are ringing off the hook.

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Philadelphia area residents who get the new Heat Surge® Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters by calling the Toll Free Hotlines before the 48-hour order deadline ends will never have to pay high heat bills again.

"We all know that freezing cold weather is setting in and heat bills are going to skyrocket this winter. That's why I've given the directive to give the first Philadelphia area residents who call in the next 48 hours a massive discount on our brand new Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters," said David Martin, General Manager of U.S. based Heat Surge.

And here's the best part. Everyone who calls the Toll Free Hotline is getting a massive discount allowing them to claim the new heaters for just $149 and shipping and handling as long as they call before the 48-hour deadline ends.

Heat Surge's latest heating miracle is being called the Mini-Glo Efficiency because its micro design easily goes from room to room to help you save a ton on heat bills.

Demand for Heat Surge heaters has skyrocketed to stardom ever since consumer reviews surfaced showing just how much money ultra-efficient zone heat saves people on heat bills which is why this announcement is being so widely advertised.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews for the original Heat Surge heaters, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm and cozy." That's why Philadelphia area residents will be scrambling to get them starting at precisely 8:30am this morning.

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In fact, it gives you 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59°. That means you can zone heat and never be cold again. And since it only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker you'll save a ton on your heat bills, too.

"We're bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone who wants to really save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter will be calling immediately to make sure they get their new heater at a massive discount," said Martin.

"To make sure everyone gets their new Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater before the harsh winter weather hits, UPS® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your new heater you must find the first two digits of your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first Philadelphia area residents to call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-888-414-2571 before the 48-hour deadline ends," he said. ■

■ **ON THEIR WAY:** New Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters will soon be delivered to lucky Philadelphia area residents who beat the 48-hour order deadline and live in one of the zip code areas listed in today's publication. Everyone's getting the Upstairs-Downstairs Efficiency Combo of two Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heaters because they only use pennies an hour of electricity to drastically slash home heat bills.

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The Toll Free Hotlines at 1-888-414-2571 and 1-888-414-2572 are open for the next 48 hours beginning at precisely 8:30am this morning. If you miss the deadline you'll be turned away from this offer and forced to wait for future announcements in this publication or others, if any. So if lines are busy keep trying, all calls will be answered.

Only the first Philadelphia area callers who beat the order deadline and provide the operator with the valid Claim Code PVM136 and live in one of the Philadelphia area zip code areas listed above will be permitted to get the new Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater shipped anywhere in the U.S. at a massive discount and cover just $149 and shipping and handling to drastically slash home heat bills.

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"I am saving hundreds on my gas bills."

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★★★★★

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★★★★★

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*Unsolicited consumer feedback from satisfied customers, as reported to Heat Surge, LLC. With zone heating, users can turn down the home thermostat and use the fireplace to heat only the room being used. Actual savings will vary depending on factors such as local climate, local energy costs, system settings, home construction and individual usage. Heat Surge rated these customer reviews 5 stars.

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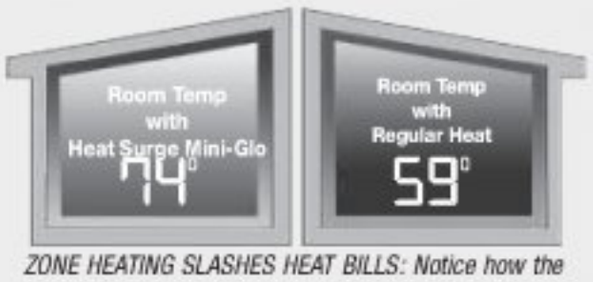

ZONE HEATING SLASHES HEAT BILLS: Notice how the home thermostat is set at 59°. The left shows the Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater blanketing the whole room with 74° of warmth.

This is the revolutionary Heat Surge Mini-Glo Efficiency Heater. This modern marvel is being called a miracle because its micro design easily goes from room to room and uses just a trickle of electricity so you can turn down your thermostat and use its ultra-efficient zone heat to save a ton of money on heat bills based on a U.S. average that says it uses only pennies of electricity an hour, yet it produces up to an amazing 3,685 British Thermal Units (BTU's) delivering a full 1,200 watts on the standard setting. The Heat Surge Mini-Glo is a showpiece in any room. That's because it has the ambiance of a real fireplace, but it has no real flames. Its *Fireless* Flame* technology makes it safe to the touch.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Justin Timberlake is expanding his audience, Niall Horan is having troubling waking up, Roseanne Barr is full of ideas and Mindy Kaling is looking to cash in.

@jtimberlake: Never thought I would hear a song I wrote on country radio. My GrandDad is smiling from a bar in Heaven!

@NiallOfficial: Like a zombie right now! It must be coffee time !

@TheRealRoseanne: Let's bomb billionaires next

@mindykaling: I wrote a thanksgiving song that is insanely catchy, how do I monetize this?

Talking points

Swift's awkward run-ins

Well, this must have been awkward. Taylor Swift had a pair of run-ins with ex-boyfriend Harry Styles at the American Music Awards and reportedly made a conscious effort to avoid making eye contact with him, according to Us Weekly. Sources say that twice Swift crossed paths with the boys from One Direction and kept her laser gaze forward, refusing to acknowledge their presence. Styles and his bandmates, by contrast, gave Swift a standing ovation when she won for Best Female Country Artist.

Fawcett's nephew to sell her items

Farrah Fawcett's nephew Gregory Walls inherited much of the late actress's personal items, and now he's apparently looking to get rid of some of them. Walls listed 67 of Fawcett's items — including her People's Choice Award and her driver's license — with a Dallas-based auction house, according to Radar Online. Walls insists he's unloading the goods for the sake of her fans, writing in the auction catalog that he decided to list the items after reading thousands of cards and letters they'd sent her. "It was at that moment that I felt that I would do my best to give her fans a chance to possess some of the things that were special and dear to Farrah." A portion of the proceeds will go to the Farah Fawcett Foundation, a cancer research and prevention charity.

Fox loves being pregnant (again)

Megan Fox is totally digging being pregnant the second time around. "For the most part, I would say it's been a lot easier," she tells E! News. "I think that could have a lot to do with the fact that I already have a baby, so I'm so distracted taking care of him that I don't really have time to sit and lament on the fact that I'm pregnant or indulge my pregnancy." Fox and husband Brian Austin Green welcomed her son, Noah, 14 months ago.

1 Role of Joffrey on 'Game of Thrones' drives Jack Gleeson from acting

Jack Gleeson plays the vile adolescent King Joffrey on "Game of Thrones." / GETTY IMAGES

I guess when a video of you getting slapped in the face goes viral, it rubs a little bit of the glitter off a showbiz career.

Jack Gleeson, who plays the vile adolescent King Joffrey on "Game of Thrones," says he will probably give up acting after "Game of Thrones" ends (or after Joffrey dies horribly, which, knowing "GoT," could happen a lot sooner).

"The lifestyle that comes with being an actor in a successful TV show isn't something I gravitate toward," the Irish Trinity College student (whose real accent is adorable, BTW) said on Dublin's "Saturday Night Show." "It was a recreation beforehand, and when I started doing 'Game of Thrones' there was, I wouldn't say pressure, but perhaps the reality became too real for me."

What reality? Tumblrs and Tumblrs of hatred dedicated to your own sullen face? Maybe Jack, who seems like a sweet guy in real life, admits that even he gets creeped out by Joffrey.

"You tend to abstract yourself from the creepiness of it when you're playing it, but when you see it on television it sends shivers down my spine," Gleeson says. "I would like to try and defend him, but I would have a pretty hard job doing it. ... In terms of redeemable qualities, there wouldn't be many."

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THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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2 Jolie will not be buying an island

Angelina Jolie did not buy an island for Brad Pitt. Not yet, anyway. / GETTY IMAGES

Angelina Jolie surely plans to do something special for Brad Pitt's 50th birthday next month, but that something special apparently doesn't involve buying him an island. The New York Daily News had reported that Jolie laid out $20 million for an 11-acre, heart-shaped private island on New York's Lake Mahopac, but the owners of the property, named Petra Island, tell E! News that it's still for sale. "We are open to show Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt the island, but they have to have lunch at my cafe first," Donna Massaro, daughter of the island's owners, says. The island would be of particular interest to Pitt since the two houses on it were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, one of his favorite architects.

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Now, for your consideration

Upcoming. There are still plenty more Oscar contenders that have yet to hit theaters.

'Inside Llewyn Davis'

(Dec. 20)
Prestige level: They're incorrigible eccentrics, but the Coens are beloved by the Oscars, and voters will likely go gaga over their look at the 1960s Greenwich Village folk scene, specifically an uncompromising, unpleasant musician (Oscar Isaac).
Actual quality: This is the Coens in bleak/sadistic mode, which is to say the film is a hoot to those with a dark sense of humor.

'American Hustle'

(limited: Dec. 13; everywhere: Dec. 18)
Prestige level: David O. Russell rounds up some of his former stars to go "Boogie Nights" on this tale of the feds trying to bust up Jersey 'hoods.
Actual quality: Russell has a chaotic style that made "The Fighter" and "Silver Linings Playbook" atypically manic and abrasive Oscar bait.

'Saving Mr. Banks'

(Dec. 13)
Prestige level: Disney tells the story of "Mary Poppins," with Emma Thompson as its strident creator, P.L. Travers, and Tom Hanks as Uncle Walt.
Actual quality: Travers hated, hated, hated the movie. But that's not a nice story, so Disney does what it did to classic fairy tales: sanitizes it, making Travers a grump who gradually lightens up.

'The Wolf of Wall Street'

(Dec. 25)
Prestige level: Word is this rollicking look at hedonistic stockbrokers (Leonard DiCaprio, etc.) is "Goodfellas" but with even more evil characters.
Actual quality Many are complaining about the 165-minute length — as though lots of Scorsese in revved-up mode were bad.

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Meryl Streep is back (with an accent and a drug problem, no less) in "August: Osage County." / CLAIRE FOLGER

Also coming to theaters

Best Picture nominees? Nah.

'The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug' (Dec. 13): Peter Jackson's supersized take on J.R.R. Tolkien's initial, more child-geared trip to Middle Earth hits part two, promising more Benedict Cumberbatch-voiced dragons and fewer sickly hedgehogs.

'Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues' (Dec. 20): Though it's been referenced to death, let's not forget Will Ferrell's first stint as mustachioed ego monster Ron Burgundy is rather hilarious. More importantly, Ferrell is at his best when collaborating with director Adam McKay ("Step Brothers," "The Other Guys").

'Grudge Match' (Dec. 25): A dream of boxing enthusiasts and cinephiles alike — Rocky Balboa vs. Jake LaMotta — comes to us slightly belatedly, with Sylvester Stallone and Robert De Niro playing pugilists finally settling a 30-year rivalry. Hopefully the stars — both ubiquitous this fall — haven't worn out this welcome.

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Not exactly a fair fight

Action. Jason Statham faces off against James Franco in the Stallone-written "Homefront."

In "Homefront," Jason Statham faces his mightiest foes: James Franco and Winona Ryder. / JUSTIN LUBIN

Sylvester Stallone wrote "Homefront" in 2008, but he might as well have written it in 1988 — or even 1978 or 1968. It's a drive-in programmer: slight but lean and deceptively smarter, in spots, than it lets on. Sly allegedly got too busy to make it or star in it himself. He's actually just too old and too conspicuously bulky to play Phil Broker, an ex-DEA agent trying to disappear into small-town American life.

Instead he's played by lean and British Statham. Phil's daughter is involved in an altercation at school that pisses off the wrong people, namely a junkie mom (Kate Bosworth!), whose meth king brother has the delightful name Gator Bodine (James Franco). Phil is slow to apologize, and soon Gator finds himself with information that could put his life in jeopardy.

Of course, this is all leading to Statham beating the piss out of Franco. It's not a fair fight, obviously, but that's one thing that makes this more interesting than even it perhaps realizes. The bad guy is in way over his head. Franco oozes don't-care attitude; he mumbles his lines. But the approach works: He thinks he's too cool for a Jason Statham action movie, and he's rewarded with a beautiful (albeit too choppy) smackdown.

Review

'Homefront'

Director: Gary Fleder

Stars: Jason Statham, James Franco

Rating: R

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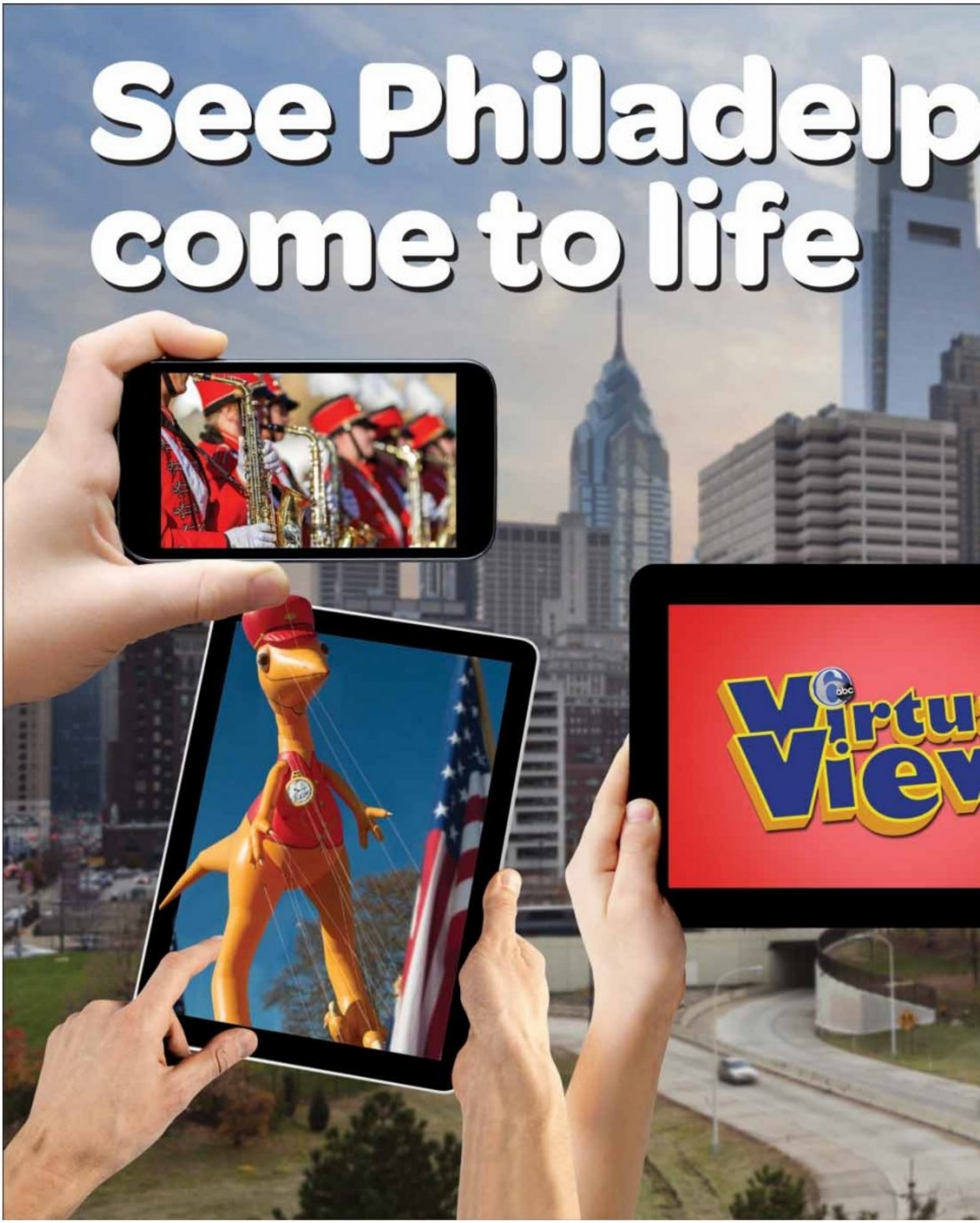
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SPIKE LEE

The filmmaker says "Oldboy" is not a remake. It's a reinterpretation.

A MASTER TAKES ON A MASTER

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Spike Lee has directed five films since the 2008 bomb "Miracle at St. Anna," but none have been a big, Hollywood production. "Oldboy" changes that. Based on Park Chan-wook's 2003 South Korean cult sensation — about a man mysteriously imprisoned for 15 years then even more mysteriously released — it was at one point intended for Steven Spielberg and Will Smith. Lee, who directs Josh Brolin in the lead role, isn't the first person you'd think to helm a vengeance thriller. But as with "Inside Man," he works to make the genre, and the remake, his. Then again, don't call it a remake.

On what to call it: "We are not doing a remake, we're doing a reinterpretation. Before Josh Brolin agreed to do the film, he met with Park, and asked for Park's blessing on the film. And Park gave his blessing and said, 'Make your own film, don't make ours.' So we tried to give our interpretation."

On it not deviating too far from the original: "If it had been radically different, then we would not have been respecting the original source. You have to come in humble. We never came in thinking, 'We're going to dismantle the original and just make it better.'"

On Sharlto Copley, who plays the villain: "Great actor. When I saw 'District 9,' I said 'Who is this guy? I want to work with him.' He has a lot of ideas. Sometimes with ideas, you don't hear the right one. But you gotta hear it, because somewhere along the line, you're going to hear the one that works."

On the villain not being just a villain: "He's a monster — but you understand him. Without giving it away, what happened to him as a child — that breaks you. It breaks your spirit, it breaks your soul, and it's very hard to recover from that. The audience has to understand how he became that person, even have some sympathy for him — even though he's not a nice guy."

On shooting in New Orleans: "It's supposed to be a non-descript city. There's no one outside of New Orleans who could look at that film and say it was shot there if they don't read it in end credits. Chinatown doesn't even exist there. That was the big problem. The only reason we were shooting in New Orleans was because it has the biggest tax rebate. It's all about the tax rebate. New Orleans being such a distinctive look — that was the number one problem. It can't look like anywhere. It can't look like New Orleans."

His cryptic response to it being credited as "A Spike Lee Film," not "A Spike Lee Joint": "It's a tough business."

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Q&A

To each his own

Would he be comfortable with anyone remaking his own films?: "Nope."

Has anyone ever approached him with such an offer? "Nope."

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12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 11:45, 7:55.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 9:10, 10:35, 12:10, 1:35, 3:10, 4:40, 6:10, 7:40, 10:40. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation; 9:20-12:10. Digital Presentation
BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 9:55, 11:15, 12:25, 1:40, 2:50, 4:05, 5:15, 6:25, 7:40, 8:55, 10:05, 11:25, 12:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 9:20, 12:20, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15, 12:20.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 5:05, 8:05, 11:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 9:40, 12:05, 2:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 9:50, 12:35, 3:05, 5:45, 8:20, 10:55. Digital Presentation
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 9:05, 5:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 9:15, 2:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 11:35, 4:15. RealD 3D
FROZEN (PG) 10:00, 12:40, 3:20, 6:00, 9:10, 11:50. Digital Presentation; 10:40-1:20-4:00-6:45-8:40-11:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FROZEN 3D (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55, 12:30. RealD 3D; 2:00-4:40-7:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 9:35, 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25, 11:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
HOMEFRONT (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 11:30, 12:00, 3:00, 3:30, 6:30, 7:00, 10:00, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; 10:15-1:45-5:15. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation; 8:45-12:15. DVS-Descriptive Video Service;Digital Presentation; 9:30-11:00-1:00-2:30-4:30-6:00-8:00-9:30-11:30. Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 6:35, 9:00, 11:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 2:45, 10:50. Digital Presentation
OLDBOY (R) 9:25, 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 9:45, 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 9:10, 2:45, 8:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 11:55, 5:35, 11:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D

AMC Neshaminy 24
215-396-8050
Route 1 and Bristol Rd.
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 1:10, 6:50.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 10:45, 1:50, 3:20, 4:50, 6:20, 7:50, 9:20, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 9:55, 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 10:00, 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 12:45, 6:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) 10:00, 12:25, 2:50, 8:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
A CHRISTMAS STORY (PG) 2:00, 7:00. Digital Presentation
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 10:10, 3:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 10:30, 1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 5:20, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 10:10, 12:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FROZEN (PG) 11:15, 12:15, 2:15, 3:15, 5:15, 6:15, 9:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FROZEN 3D (PG) 10:15, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:05, 10:15, 11:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
GOLIYON KI RAASLEELA RAM-LEELA (GKRR) (NR) 10:25, 9:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 11:05, 4:25, 9:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D
HOMEFRONT (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00. Digital Presentation;IMAX
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation; 10:00. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 10:40, 4:20, 9:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 1:40, 6:45. CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation
OLDBOY (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50. 171371;AMC INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 1:15, 7:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 10:20, 4:25, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D

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THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 12:15, 3:10, 6:15, 9:10. Digital Presentation; 10:50-1:45-4:35-7:25-10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 10:45, 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30.C INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 1:20, 6:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
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FREE BIRDS (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS IN 3D (PG) 11:15. RealD 3D
FROZEN (PG) 1:35, 6:55. Digital Presentation
FROZEN 3D (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55, 10:25. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;RealD 3D; 11:00-4:15-9:30. RealD 3D
OLDBOY (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 11:45, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45. 171371;AMC INDEPENDENT;CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video

AMC Woodhaven 10
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Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25. Digital Presentation
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 2:35, 5:20, 8:10, 10:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10. Digital Presentation
FREE BIRDS (PG) 11:30. Digital Presentation
FROZEN (PG) 12:00, 4:15, 7:00. Digital Presentation
FROZEN 3D (PG) 1:40, 5:30, 9:55. RealD 3D
HOMEFRONT (R) 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45. Digital Presentation
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 9:35, 10:15. Digital Presentation; 1:15-4:30-7:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digital Presentation
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 3:10, 11:00. Digital Presentation
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 12:40, 8:00. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 4:20, 10:30. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 1:30, 7:10. RealD 3D

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
610-527-9898
824 West Lancaster Avenue
NEBRASKA (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD (1938) (NR) 11:30
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

Reel Cinemas Anthony Wayne Theater
610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 8:40
ENDER'S GAME (PG-13) 1:35
FREE BIRDS (PG) 4:00
FROZEN (PG) 1:25, 2:00, 4:00, 5:15, 6:40, 9:00. Digital Presentation
GRAVITY (PG-13) 6:30
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00, 9:15. Digital Presentation
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 1:30, 3:55, 6:30, 9:00

Reel Cinemas Bala Theatre
610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40. Digital Presentation
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35

Reel Cinemas Narberth 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
FROZEN (PG) 9:00. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating
FROZEN 3D (PG) 4:00, 6:45. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 1:50, 5:15, 8:45. Digital Presentation;Stadium Seating

Regal Marketplace 24
800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 3:50, 6:55, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
ALL IS LOST (PG-13) 11:55, 3:15, 6:25, 9:30
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 10:50, 1:50, 4:45, 7:55, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 11:50, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (PG-13) 12:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE (PG) 11:05, 1:35, 4:00, 6:40
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 10:35, 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55. CC-Closed Captions
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 11:25, 2:05, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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HOMEFRONT (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 10:00, 10:40, 11:20, 12:00, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 10:50
JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 5:45, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
LAST VEGAS (PG-13) 10:20, 12:45, 3:20, 8:00. CC-Closed Captions
OLDBOY (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 11:10, 1:45, 4:25, 6:50, 9:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 10:30, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:35. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

Ritz 5 Movies
215-440-1184
214 Walnut Street
12 YEARS A SLAVE (R) 12:15, 3:10, 6:30, 9:20
THE BOOK THIEF (PG-13) 12:20, 4:00, 6:00, 8:30
NEBRASKA (R) 12:15, 1:10, 2:50, 4:10, 7:00, 8:50, 9:30
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Ritz East
215-925-4535
2nd Street between Walnut and Chestnut
DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (R) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30

Ritz at the Bourse
215-440-1181
400 Ranstead Street
ABOUT TIME (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR (LA VIE D'ADÈLE) (NC-17) 12:45, 4:20, 7:50
ENOUGH SAID (PG-13) 1:25, 3:45, 7:10, 9:20
KILL YOUR DARLINGS (R) 1:20, 3:55, 7:20, 9:45
MOTHER OF GEORGE (R) 1:00, 3:30, 7:30, 9:45

The Pearl Theatre at Avenue North
215-763-7700
1600 North Broad Street
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 1:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
DELIVERY MAN (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
FROZEN (PG) 4:10, 9:20
FROZEN 3D (PG) 1:20, 7:00
HOMEFRONT (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 1:00, 6:40
THOR: THE DARK WORLD 3D (PG-13) 3:50, 9:30

Tuttleman IMAX Theater - Franklin Institute
215-448-1111
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
FLIGHT OF THE BUTTERFLIES IMAX (NR) 1:15
FORCES OF NATURE (LARGE FORMAT) (G) 12:15
THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG-13) 3:15, 6:00, 8:45, 11:30
RING OF FIRE (NR) 10:15
SPACE JUNK (NR) 11:15, 2:15

UA Grant Plaza 9
800-326-3264 651
1619 Grant Avenue - Grant Plaza 2 Shopping Center
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 11:00, 2:10, 5:00, 8:00, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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FROZEN 3D (PG) 10:50, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D
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FROZEN 3D (PG) 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D
GRAVITY 3D (PG-13) 10:30. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Vide;RealD 3D
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OLDBOY (R) 11:45, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
PHILOMENA (PG-13) 10:40, 1:10, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
THOR: THE DARK WORLD (PG-13) 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service

UA Main Street 6
800-326-3264 647
3720-40 Main Street
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BLACK NATIVITY (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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1400 South Columbus Boulevard
THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY (R) 12:20, 1:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:50, 7:50, 10:10, 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (PG) 10:50. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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FREE BIRDS (PG) 3:20, 8:20. CC-Closed Captions
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JACKASS PRESENTS: BAD GRANDPA (R) 5:50, 10:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
OLDBOY (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:45. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service
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Spike Lee is nailing it

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The filmmaker makes a valiant, crazy attempt to make a cult fave his own.

Josh Brolin does his best impersonation of "Oldboy" star Choi Min-sik in the remake. / HILARY BRONWYN GAYLE

Review

'Oldboy'

Director: Spike Lee

Stars: Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Olsen

Rating: R

Spike Lee doesn't reinvent "Oldboy," the 2003 South Korean vengeance film that's only been remade in Hollywood because Americans don't like subtitles. It's a tale heavily reliant on plot, even more so in this streamlined version that's 20 minutes shorter. But it's still a Spike Lee film.

The script sticks, if you will, to the script. Josh Brolin plays Joe Doucett, an alkie no-goodnik who, in 1993, wakes from a bender in a hotel room with fake windows and no way out. He spends the next 20 years there. Upon his abrupt release, he goes on the hunt to find out who imprisoned him and why. Soon Joe's aided by a nice, young recovering addict (Elizabeth Olsen) who's used to helping the needy.

To be frank, the first "Oldboy" isn't a masterpiece. This one cleans up some of the busy plotting and chucks its most groaning aspect, which "fixes" a narrative headache with that old soap opera standby: hypnosis.

But it's really Lee's approach that gives it a reason for being. Lee can't top the original's legendary hammer fight. But he recklessly mixes tones, as he's wont to do. Brolin broods and Olsen is serious. But everything else is a cartoon — a gory, bloody, often messed-up cartoon.

His "Oldboy" is still hugely problematic and questionable. The montage depicting Joe's lengthy imprisonment is some of Lee's finest work, but the rest of the film gives him too few occasions to show off. But only Lee would, in his least political film, throw in a 9/11 reference. It's an unearned moment, but it makes you feel like anything could happen, even if you know exactly what's going to happen.

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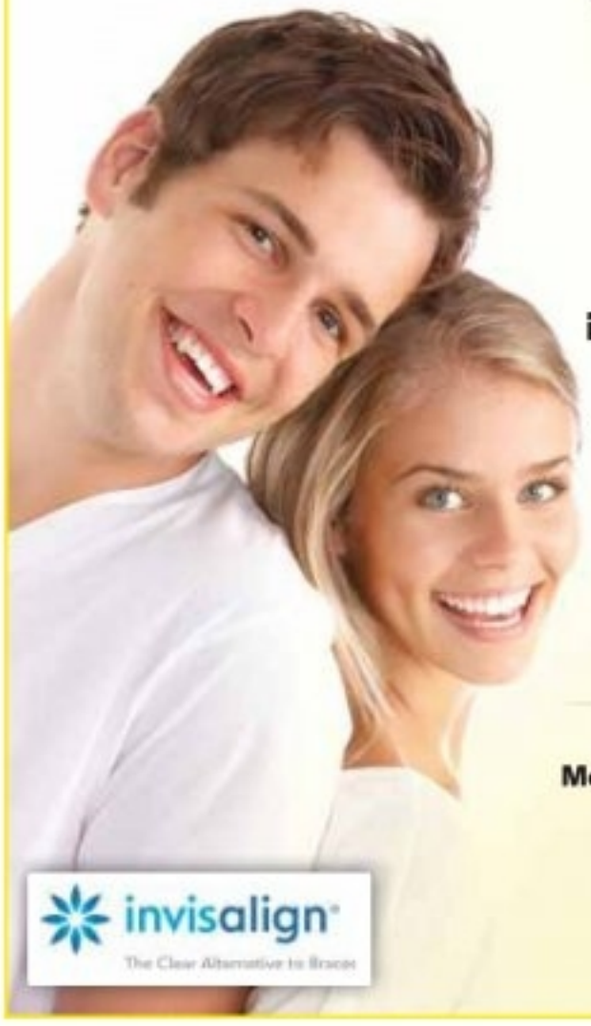
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A turkey walks into a bar

Expect a packed house at Lit UltraBar. / BRIAN WALTERS

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The night before Thanksgiving has achieved national recognition as the biggest drinking night of the year. With no work or school tomorrow, and dinner not until late afternoon, you have every excuse to check out these Philadelphia hot spots tonight.

Xfinity Live!

8 p.m.
1100 Pattison Ave.
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www.xfinitylive.com
This will be the largest Thanksgiving Eve celebration in the City of Brotherly Love. For $10 general admission, enjoy the Turkey Crawl bar hop through the complex, sampling more than 50 craft beers. Victory Beer Hall offers pie-eating contests, and PBR challenges you to ride the mechanical turkey.

Lit UltraBar

10 p.m.
460 N. Second St.
215-238-0170
www.litultrabar.com
Gobble up those brews until 6 a.m. — yes, that's right — at the Electric Turkey bash. Sign up for the guest list for free admission before midnight, or go swank and opt for bottle service in the elevated VIP area.

Silk City

10 p.m.
435 Spring Garden St.
215-592-8838
www.silkcityphilly.com
Hosted by DJ trio STUNTLOCO, this old school lounge charges guys $5 after 11 p.m. With the dance floor adjacent to the diner, you can cure those late-night munchies with a quick bite.

Yakitori Boy

5 p.m.
211 N. 11th St.
215-923-8088
www.yakitoriboy.com
Remember that Rebecca Black spinoff video "It's Thanksgiving?" Neither do we, but you might be crooning it in the karaoke lounge after a few Pumpkin Pie Shots. With no cover charge all night long, you'll have more dough to slurp up some Pilgrim Punch.

Rumor

9 p.m.
1500 Sansom St.
215-988-0777
www.rumorphilly.com
Come together with German native DJ Jerome Isma-Ae as he lights up the night. Get there early though, because Rumor always packs a crowd.

G Lounge

9 p.m.
111 S. 17th St.
215-564-1515
www.thebestlounge.com
DJ A-Run spins those beats with a $10 cover for guest-listers and a $20 cover after 11 p.m. Make sure your group of friends meets up outside, because cell reception in the lounge is spotty.

The Barbary

10 p.m.
951 Frankford Ave.
215-634-7400
www.thebarbary.org
Turn back the clock to before your cousin needed gluten-free stuffing and party like it's the '90s. DJ DeeJay hosts the Macarena down memory lane with a $5 cover charge.

Zee Bar

10 p.m.
100 Spring Garden St.
215-922-2994
www.zee-bar.com
If there was ever a time to become a member at Zee Bar, the Homecoming celebration is it. DJ Ronnie D and Michael Romeo keep the party flowing until 3 a.m.

ICandy

10 p.m.
254 S. 12th St.
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www.clubicandy.com
It's unlikely Taylor Swift will attend, but come out for the Red Ball. Forget the bird in the oven with $3 Yuengling and Yuengling Lites or $6 Absolut and Sailor Jerry. Dress in red to skip the cover charge.

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Real estate forecast

"Business is good and retailers are interested in coming to our market. After the hiatus of 2008, '09 and '10, retailers want to regain the market share. There are more tenants than we have space for."

Larry Steinberg

THE FUTURE OF CENTER CITY

Experts weighed in on what the Center City real estate market will look like in 2014. / B. KRIST FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

Symbiosis. More residents will encourage more retail in 2014, and vice versa.

Earlier this month, industry professionals discussed their 2014 forecasts at a seminar based on "Emerging Trends in Real Estate," a widely recognized annual report covering the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe. It's put out by the Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit focused on intelligent land use, and consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. The two organizations coordinated the panel discussion, which was held at the Union League.

"The forecast was very upbeat, both on a national and local basis," says David Ricci, a former ULI Philadelphia chair and a partner at The Flynn Company, a brokerage, management and portfolio company dealing mostly with industrial and office buildings. The professionals surveyed, including Ricci, shared insights from all aspects of real estate, though only a small part covers residential properties. But understanding what's ahead for the retail and industrial sectors in Philadelphia can help shed light on the rest of the city.

Sam Chandan, Ron Cariola, David Ricci, Julie Smith and Larry Steinberg discussed real estate in Philly. / URBAN LAND INSTITUTE

Take Larry Steinberg for instance. He's part of the investment sales team at CBRE FAMECO, a brokerage firm that specializes in retail and restaurants. "Business is good and retailers are interested in coming to our market," says Steinberg, speaking specifically about Center City. "After the hiatus of 2008, '09 and '10, retailers want to regain the market share. There are more tenants than we have space for."

Based on this, we can expect Center City to grow in residents too. "The realtors are following the residential explosion that's happening in Center City. The full-time population is increasing to the viability of retail," Steinberg says.

Those full-timers he's referring to are Center City dwellers who live, work and play downtown. Ricci agrees: "We follow the residents. You'll see the evolution of residential coming in, then retail development comes in to support that community and then there's the corporate evolution."

Urban planning

Intelligent land use

Urban Land Institute Philadelphia has hundreds of members involved in the area's real estate, extending into Lehigh Valley, Central Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.

But ULI doesn't stop there. The organization is in 95 countries, reaching a total of roughly 30,000 members. This includes contractors, engineers, investors, lenders and the various people responsible for real estate on all levels. As Ricci says, "It's the people who build it and the people who buy it."

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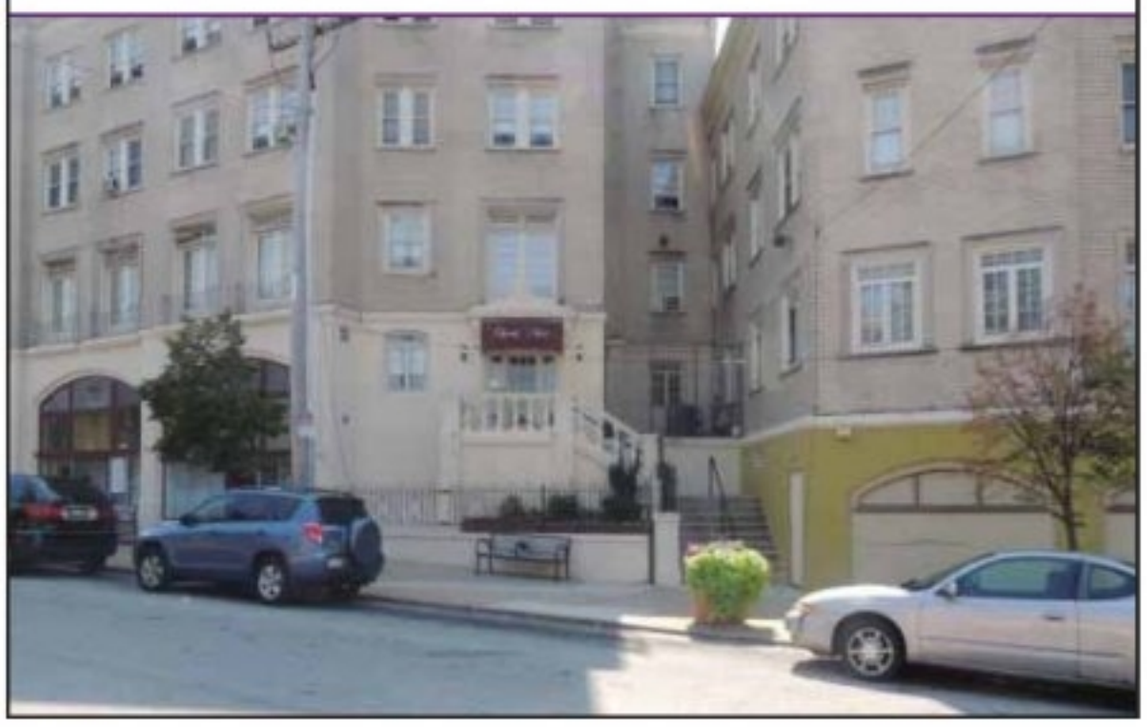

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World AIDS Day: What we've done, where we're going

Commemorate. Improvements are being made, but we still need to stop the spread.

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day, the 25th anniversary since the first commemoration in 1988. There is still no vaccine and no cure, and more people in the U.S. are infected with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, than ever before, says Dr. Celine R. Gounder, a post-doctoral fellow in infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University who has worked in HIV research. This is both good news and bad news.

"[It's] partly because more people are now living with HIV, but it's also because it continues to spread," says Grounder, who is also an HIV/primary care provider at Spencer Cox Center for Health in Manhattan and serves on the HIV ward at NYC's Roosevelt Hospital. The good news: "We are learning so much that a cure may be possible down the road."

Rapid oral tests are quick and painless. You can find a free and confidential testing site at hivtest.cdc.gov. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

World AIDS Day

Dec. 1

This is the 25th anniversary since the first commemoration in 1988

We know that stopping the spread of HIV is paramount, but it can't be stressed enough. Transmission happens through infected bodily fluids, most commonly via sex without a condom or by sharing infected intravenous drug equipment; rarely, contaminated blood transfusions have also been cited.

Prevention is the first line of defense, and pre-exposure prophylaxis — a daily pill used in addition to condoms — is a new option for high-risk groups.

Improvements in the treatment of those infected include new, less toxic medications taken only once a day. But this method can lead to complacency, which remains the biggest enemy in stemming HIV infection. Though knowing your status is vital, "most people don't get tested," says Gounder.

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Health notes

Awww yeah — it's time to bust out the tacky sweaters. / FUSE

Break out the ugly sweaters

Stand Up To Cancer's annual Ugly Sweater campaign is back. Break out your tackiest holiday wear (bonus points for any with embellishments like ribbons or jingle bells) and register at www.su2c.org/ugly. Family and friends can sponsor you for each day you don the holiday horror. Or, you can host an ugly sweater party and ask guests to donate. All proceeds from the campaign go to Stand Up To Cancer's research efforts to get new cancer therapies out to patients quickly.

Choose these shoes

ASICS has partnered with the Prostate Cancer Foundation to create these blue kicks ($120) for prostate cancer awareness. About one in six men will get prostate cancer at some point in his life. These ASICS GT-2000 2 BR running sneakers are lighter than their first-generation predecessor, and a minimum of $25,000 (up to $50,000) from sales will go the foundation.

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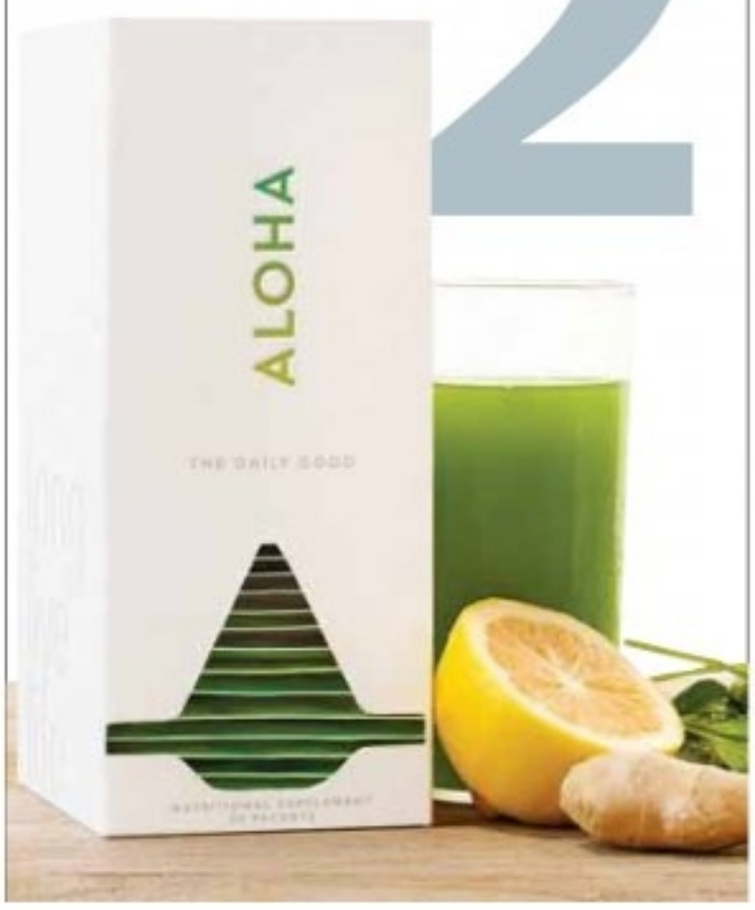

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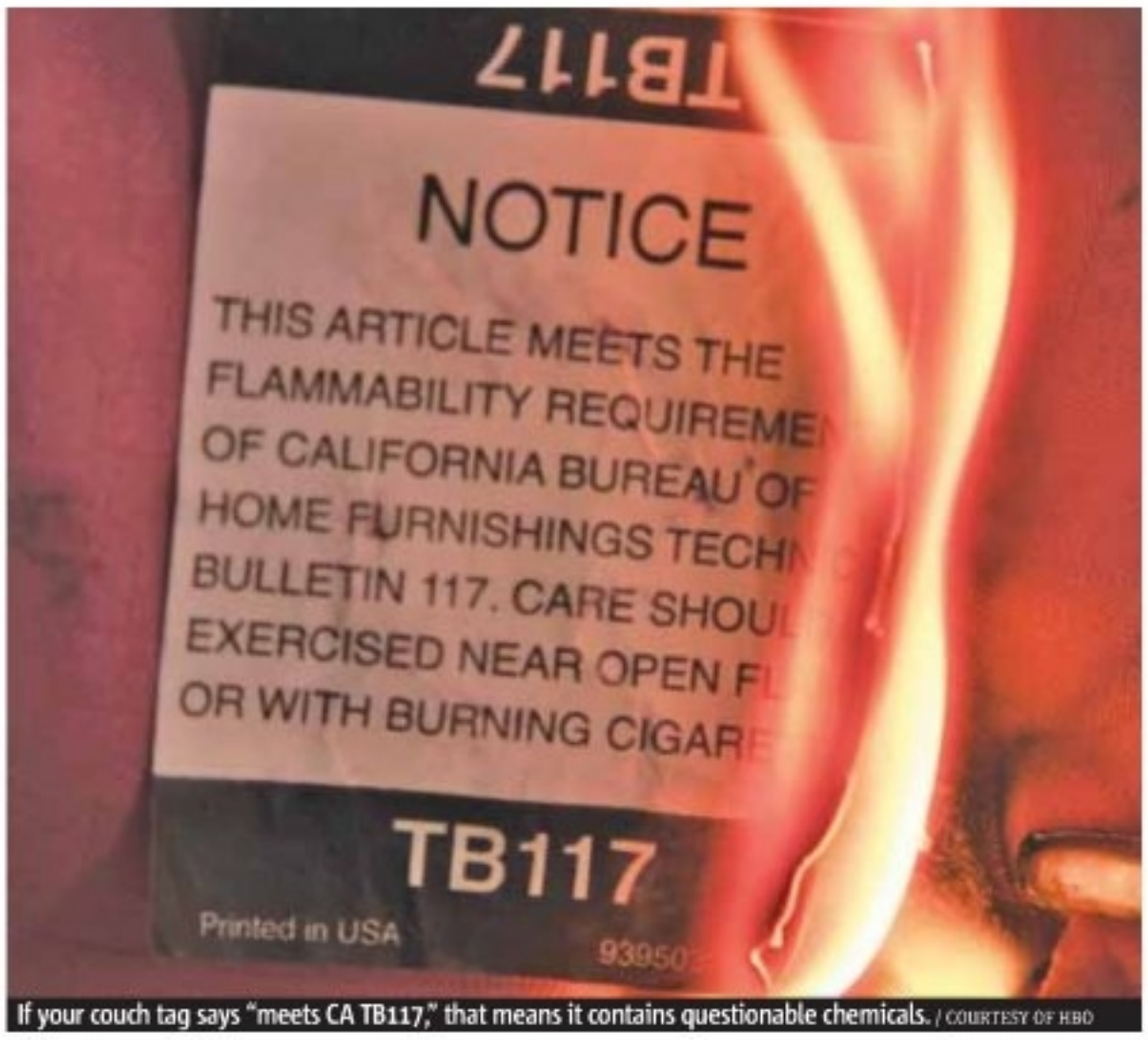

If your couch tag says "meets CA TB117," that means it contains questionable chemicals. / COURTESY OF HBO

The danger lurking in your living room

Documentary. The filmmakers behind HBO's "Toxic Hot Seat" want you to get off the couch.

That couch cushion of yours may not be such a safe place to sit. Eighty to 90 percent of upholstered couches with polyurethane foam sold in the U.S. over the past 37 years contain chemical flame-retardants, say the filmmakers of HBO's new documentary "Toxic Hot Seat." The scary ingredients are linked to cancer, reproduction issues and lowered intelligence in children. According to the movie, everyday flame-retardant chemicals have damaged more people than they've saved — especially firefighters, who work among the chemicals when they are burning and highly volatile.

Tony Stefani, a retired San Francisco Fire Department captain and founder of the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation, spoke to Metro about his kidney cancer diagnosis. He says cancers are an all too common occurrence among his colleagues.

"Soon it seemed like we were going to firefighters' funerals every other month," he says.

The greatest irony is that these flame retardants are proven not to reduce fatalities. The initial testing of their effectiveness was "dubious at best," says Stefani. "The test in the documentary shows that the flame retardant-treated foam is flammable."

Dr. Sarah Janssen of San Francisco Physicians for Social Responsibility agrees. "There is no real life-saving benefit," she says. "There are hundreds of these chemicals used and only a small fraction have been shown to be safe. The most worrying is the effect on children's IQ, which is very similar to lead exposure. It's done much damage."

Stefani worries about the long-term effects.

"You can replace your couch, but what happens then? The chemicals don't go away. They're still out there, and these chemical companies are producing tons more each day."

Indeed, Janssen says that efforts to rid products of harmful chemicals often lead to more issues. "The problem is, as one bad chemical is banned, the chemical industry replaces it with another," she says, adding that consumers can help create change. "We need to lobby our state representatives. It can be done. The BPA issue was driven by consumers, and look how quickly manufacturers reacted."

In the meantime, Janssen advises limiting exposure to these chemicals when possible. "Don't eat on the couch," she says. "The chemicals mix with dust and we pick them up on our hands constantly. Wet-mop and wet-dust, otherwise you're just whisking up toxic dust. Also, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter. Cover your couch to limit the amount of dust that's kicked up."

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Dr. Sarah Janssen, San Francisco Physicians for Social Responsibility

Explaining the Affordable Care Act

Young and healthy? You still need insurance

A trip to the ER could set you back more than $1,000. / STOCKBYTE

Recently, the Obama administration released information on the number of individuals who have signed up for health insurance through the new online exchanges. Due to technology issues, the numbers were very low. Despite the slow start, the goal is to have about 7 million people enrolled in 2014, with about 2.6 million being the young and healthy.

But will that essential group sign up? According to the Center for Health System Change, between 22 percent and 26 percent of uninsured adults between the ages of 18 and 35 believe that they are "healthy enough that I don't need health insurance."

Before you convince yourself that you are invincible and willing to take the risk of being uninsured, take these facts into consideration:

1 Each year, about 52 million people between 18 and 44 years old go to the emergency room for care. Based on an analysis of 10 common conditions, the average cost of an ER visit is $1,233. That's more than most people pay for one month's rent.

2 For individuals between the ages of 18 and 44, about 1 in 12 will be admitted to the hospital each year. The average cost of a hospital stay in 2011 for 18- to 44-year-olds was $25,869. Do you have that much cash set aside for an unexpected medical bill?

3 Twenty percent of the population between the ages of 19 and 64 struggle to make their medical payments. In 2013, high medical bills were the leading cause of bankruptcy filings.

Still think you're fine because you're healthy? The fact is, young, healthy adults land in the emergency room or the hospital because of unintentional injuries such as accidents and falls. Yes, you may be healthy today, but unless you live in a bubble, you are at risk for getting hurt.

Don't let a medical emergency also lead to a financial disaster. Getting health insurance is important for your physical health as well as your economic security.

Every week, Archelle Georgiou, MD, strategic adviser at HealthGrades, will explain one facet of the Affordable Care Act.

This week in health news

Smokers may cut heart disease risk faster than previously thought

In this case, quitters win. ARCHIVES

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 853 people who quit smoking within the last 15 years; 2,557 people who never smoked
Results: People who quit smoking reduced their risk of developing heart disease, heart attacks, strokes and dying from cardiac arrest to the same levels as people who never smoked, according to a new study. Previous research found that it may take up to 15 years or more after quitting for smokers to regain cardiovascular health to that of people who never smoked. This study found many smokers, on average, reduce their risk within eight years. The research was presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions.
Significance: "It's good news," says Dr. Ali Ahmed, a senior researcher and professor of cardiovascular disease at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Medicine. "Smoking is the most preventable cause of early death in America. If you smoke, quit, and quit early."

30-second lifesaver

We're bringing back this feature in which an expert gives us a tip that could, well, save your life. This week's comes from Mark Merchant C.S.C.S., founder of NYC's As One fitness studio.

T-Day fitness

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Get along regardless of how annoying a situation might be. It's in your best interest to do what you can without making a fuss.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Take a trip down memory lane, reconnect with old friends and relive moments that will inspire you to reach new heights.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Don't believe everything you hear. Get firsthand information. Work-related incidents turn out to be beneficial as long as you don't fold under pressure.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Travel plans will not run smoothly. Focus on small gatherings and making plans with someone you're comfortable sharing with.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Keep a low profile and avoid damaging your reputation. Work quietly behind the scenes. Minimal interaction is best.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Spend time with the people who mean the most to you. Engaging in home improvements that will enhance your comfort should take top priority.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. A problem with personal information will develop if you haven't been completely honest about your past.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. No matter what you do, you will shine. Explore new possibilities. Opportunity will be in abundance if you are receptive.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. A change of location or hanging out with different people will be enlightening. Don't let problems that arise slow you down or hold you back.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Use your intellect and knowledge make your way into the limelight. Don't waste time contemplating.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Take care of pressing matters concerning home or family so that you can get back to jobs that lead to greater cash flow. .

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Changing the way you live will be inspiring. Taking on a project that allows you to work from home will lead to greater chances that involve travel and expansion. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Parties don't disagree on civil rights

Re: 'A reversal of roles' (Metro, Nov. 25) The Republican party was formed specifically to oppose slavery and promote civil rights; its first successful presidential candidate was Abraham Lincoln. This tradition of supporting civil rights continued into the present era with Republican President Eisenhower sending the 101st Airborne Division to enforce desegregation in a Little Rock, Ark., public school on Sept. 24, 1957. In recent years, they have differed on related issues such as affirmative action and the size of the welfare state, but not on fundamental civil rights.
DARRELL HARTWICK, VIA EMAIL

A bunch of Bull

Re: 'A reversal of roles' (Metro, Nov. 25) In his letter, Dean Vigliano correctly admonishes a previous letter writer for attributing to Southern Republicans the blocking of civil rights, rather than the true obstructionists. However, Vigliano then references the notorious Bull Connor as having been the police chief of Birmingham, Ala. "Get the facts straight," says Vigliano. But Connor was the commissioner of public safety, whereas Jamie Moore was police commissioner.
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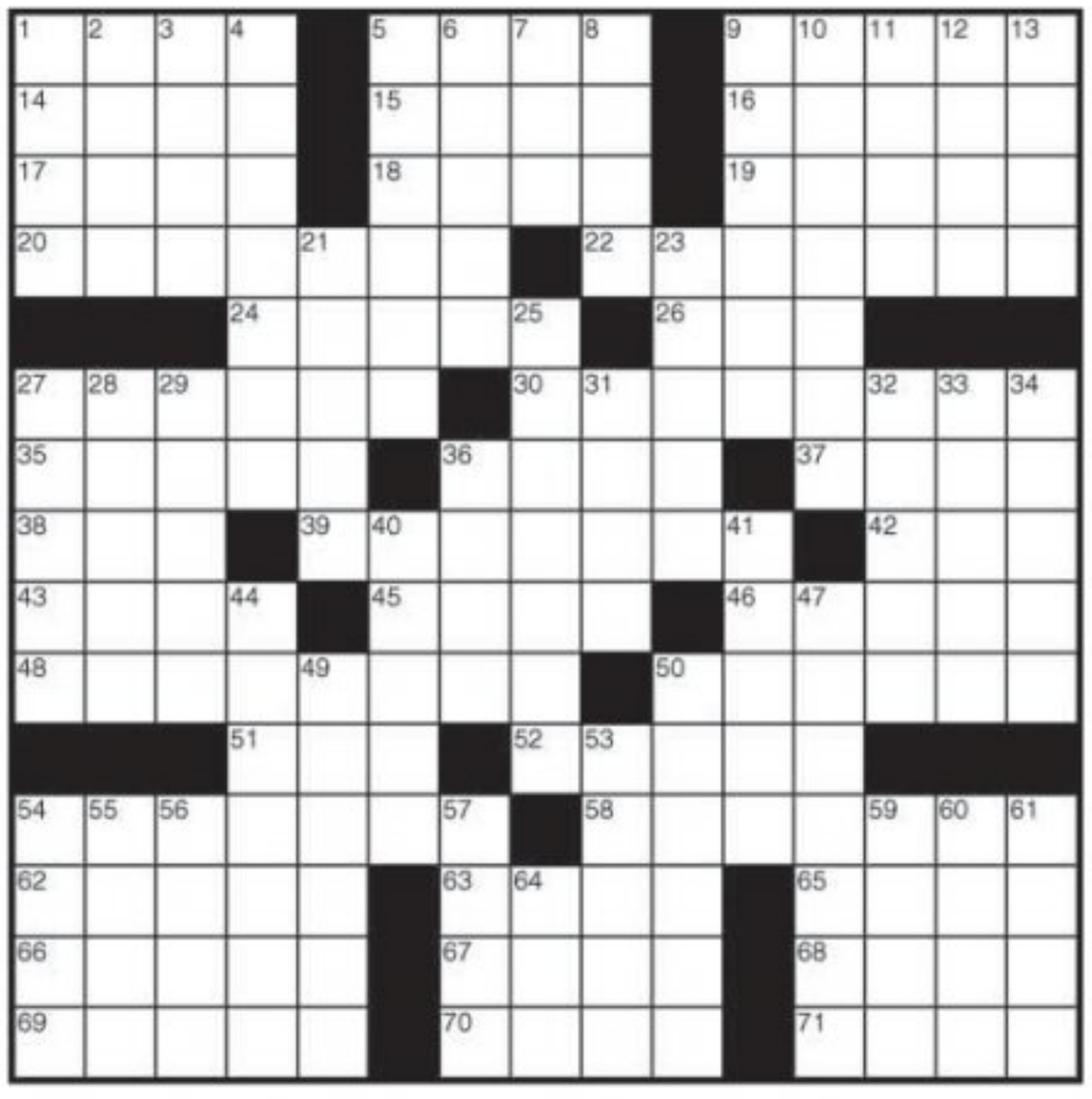

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It's official: Foles to start rest of season

NFL. Chip Kelly said Mike Vick is healthy, but on board with Foles remaining starter in the final five weeks.

When Eagles head coach Chip Kelly announced his starting quarterback for the rest of the season, no one was surprised it will be Nick Foles — least of all Michael Vick.

Kelly said Tuesday he sat down with both quarterbacks, and he will stick with Foles for the final five games of the season. Kelly said Vick is healthy and could play, but understood the decision.

"Those guys understand how this thing is put together, in that the same thing that I told Nick in August is the same thing I told Mike today," Kelly said. "He's a chinstrap away from having to go in again. We need to get him back up. The big thing with Mike is that he's missed a fair amount of time here, so we've got to get him back up to speed."

Vick has been dealing with a hamstring injury for much of the season. He originally pulled his right hamstring Oct. 6 against the Giants. He missed the next two games against the Buccaneers and Cowboys, but returned for the second Giants game on Oct. 27 only to reinjure himself. Vick said he'd "never had a hamstring injury this bad" at the time.

Nick Foles was considered a poor fit for Chip Kelly's offense going into the season, but he will have the final five weeks to prove his skills. / GETTY IMAGES

Eagles feeling healthy

The Eagles took the bye week to heal some key injuries on the team.

- Linebacker **Mychal Kendricks**, who practiced on a limited basis before the bye but didn't play against Washington, was a full go Tuesday.
- Starting left tackle **Jason Peters** (quad), who missed the last game, also practiced fully.
- The only player on the injury report was safety **Earl Wolff** (knee), who Kelly said was unlikely to play Sunday.

Meanwhile, Foles stepped in against the Raiders on Nov. 3 and tied an NFL record with seven touchdowns and zero interceptions. He's continued that hot streak with two more wins against Green Bay and Washington heading into the bye week.

"He's doing a great job of protecting the football and not putting us in bad situations," Kelly said. "When we have a shot and can take it down the field, he's proven that he can do that. He's got a great command of what we're doing and he's a lot more comfortable with what we're doing. It's just kind of an ongoing process for him."

Foles has 16 touchdowns and zero interceptions this season. His 78.2 QBR is third only to fellow injury replacement Josh McCown of the Bears (81.0) and the Broncos' Peyton Manning (79.4).

Vick, who could well be in his final few months with the team, did not take issue with the decision, according to Kelly. Vick signed a three-year deal prior to the 2013 season, but only the first year was guaranteed at up to $10 million. That means a solid performance the rest of the way from Foles — signed through 2015 on his original rookie contract — would likely result in Vick being cut in the offseason.

"They understand the situation and Mike wants to contribute any way that he can," said Kelly. "That's the type of guy that he is. He's a great teammate and great leader, and he's been great for Nick over the games that he's been out in terms of helping him develop."

The Eagles are currently tied with Dallas for first in the NFC East at 6-5. They host the Cardinals on Sunday.

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3 SPORTS

Friday night lights

Flacco unhappy with Wildcat

Joe Flacco has a problem with the Wildcat, and includes both sides. Flacco criticized his team's use of the offense and backup Tyrod Taylor in the Ravens' win over the Jets. "I'm just not a huge fan of it," Flacco said. "I just think it makes us look like not an NFL team."

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NFL trots out big

NFL. The football platter is larger than ever this Thanksgiving.

John Kuhn and the Packers bested the Lions in a nasty Thanksgiving Day battle in 2011, 27-15. / GETTY IMAGES

There was a time when part of the allure of the annual Thanksgiving Day games, hosted by the Lions and Cowboys, was how teams would respond to the short work week. That portion of the equation is gone, given that the NFL now trots out a Thursday night game nearly every week of the season.

In 2006, the league also added a third game, a night contest, to the Thanksgiving Day slate. They have not yet settled on a permanent host team for the Turkey Day nightcap, and they may never do so, but this week the Ravens will be hosting their second Thanksgiving night game.

All three games this Thursday have playoff implications, in one form or another. Here's a look at the Thursday slate:

Packers at Lions
(12:30 p.m., FOX)
Ndamukong Suh grabbed the headlines the last time these two met on Thanksgiving, a 27-15 Green Bay win in 2011. Suh famously stomped on the arm of Green Bay lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith and was ejected. Tempers are sure to be high again this year as the

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Turkey Day slate

Packers (5-5-1) trail the Lions (6-5) by just a half game in the NFC North. With over 10 teams still alive in the NFC playoff picture, a win here is something close to a must for both.

Raiders at Cowboys
(4:30 p.m., CBS)
The Cowboys (6-5) are riding high after their win at MetLife Stadium last Sunday, but can't overlook the Raiders (4-7), who are still looking to make a run at a wild card spot. Oakland last played on Thanksgiving in 2009, a 24-7 loss to the Cowboys. The Raiders won't have an easy time picking up a road win as the Jerry Dome has become a tough place for visitors. The Cowboys are 4-1 this season at home, with their only loss coming to Denver by a narrow margin, 51-48, in Week 5.

Steelers at Ravens
(8:30 p.m., NBC)
The Steelers are playing their first Turkey Day game since an infamous 1998 holiday game against the Lions in which referee Phil Luckett helped serve up a Detroit win. Luckett claimed that Steelers captain Jerome Bettis said, "head-tails!" when calling the overtime coin flip. The Lions won the toss with "tails," despite Bettis insisting that he had only called, "tails," and Detroit went on to win the game with a field goal. As for this year's game, the Steelers and Ravens are two of six teams that currently own a 5-6 record in the AFC.

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By the numbers

1934

The Detroit Lions' tradition of playing on Thanksgiving Day dates back to 1934. The Cowboys began their string of playing every Turkey Day in 1978.

Pigskin parity

There are 12 teams in the NFL currently with either five or six wins on the season.

- There are just six teams with only three wins or less. Conversely, there are just three teams with nine wins or more.
- The Raiders, Browns and Bills, all with 4-7 records, are still alive in the AFC playoff hunt with five weeks left in the regular season.
- There are five teams in the NFL with unblemished marks at home: the Broncos, Patriots, Seahawks, Saints and Bengals. Not so surprisingly, all of those teams except for the Bengals own No. 1 or No. 2 seeds as of today.

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"[Griffin] is a man, he has the heart of a warrior and he is going to go out there and play regardless of the circumstance. ... Everybody can see it. Everybody can see it. He shouldn't be playing."

Ahmad Brooks, San Francisco 49ers linebacker

RGIII should shut it down, says Brooks

NFL. Griffin is playing hurt, according to Niner Ahmad Brooks.

Heading into the 2013 NFL season, much was made about the health of Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Last year's NFL AP Offensive Rookie of the Year award winner, Griffin may be close to shutting it down for the remainder of the season, given Washington's abysmal 3-8 record. San Francisco linebacker Ahmad Brooks, who helped shut down Griffin in the 49ers' 27-6 win over the Redskins Monday night, doesn't think Griffin III has been right for quite some time now.

"He's obviously a man and he makes his own decisions, but I personally don't feel he should be playing right now," Brooks told CSN Washington. "Everybody can see it. Everybody can see it. He shouldn't be playing."

Griffin tore the ACL in his right knee last season and has struggled in his sophomore NFL campaign. Griffin's QB rating was 102.4 over the course of 15 regular season games last season. In 11 games this season, Griffin's rating has dipped to 81.9.

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Robert Griffin III is chased down by 49ers linebacker Ahmad Brooks Monday night. / GETTY IMAGES

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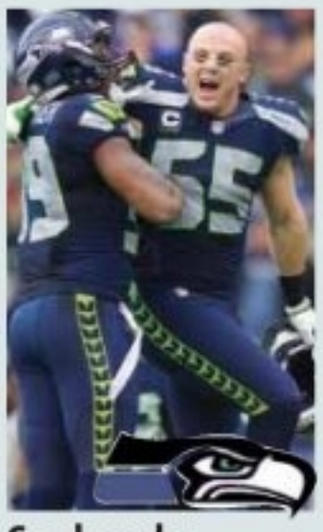

Seahawks (10-1)

Bye week drama in Seattle, as cornerbacks Brandon Browner and Walter Thurmound are both facing season-ending suspensions due to PEDs. Thurmound should be back for the playoffs, but Browner could be done for the year. Huge loss there, but the Seahawks are on a mission. We still like them, just take the over.

No. 2

Saints (9-2)

Is New Orleans developing a legit run game? Pierre Thomas and Mark Ingram are finding holes. Monday night's game against Seattle is the Game of the Year.

No. 3

Panthers (8-3)

OK, start giving Cam Newton some MVP votes. The men in teal are never out of a game when No. 1 puts the cape on, and he's been doing it a lot.

No. 4

Broncos (9-2)

Just when you thought you could trust Peyton Manning, he ran into Bill Belichick. His teammates made mistakes, but great ones find ways to win.

No. 5

Patriots (8-3)

Julian Edelman and Rob Gronkowski are emerging for the Pats, just like Deion Branch and Troy Brown back in the day. Plug and play, Pats.

No. 6

49ers (7-4)

Aldon Smith is back — two sacks vs. Washington — and the 49ers' defense makes them a perennial contender, even when Colin Kaepernick is struggling.

No. 7

Chiefs (9-2)

Andy Reid better head back to the BBQ pit and find some answers — especially if Justin Houston and Tamba Hali miss an extended period of time.

No. 8

Colts (7-4)

We're anxious to see if Indy got bested by a former coach that knew them very well, or if this lack of a run game is too much to overcome.

No. 9

Bengals (7-4)

New Orleans-Seattle is this week's main event, but Cincy-San Diego is a very nice undercard. Both teams can make noise when they want to.

No. 10

Cardinals (7-4)

Carson Palmer appears to have found the Fountain of Youth (or Bruce Arians) and Arizona keeps rising up the charts, like a Lady Gaga club banger.

No. 11

Eagles (6-5)

Arizona should be the toughest test Nick Foles gets the rest of the season. If he looks good in this one, the Birds have their guy.

No. 12

Lions (6-5)

Does anyone want to win the NFC North? It certainly doesn't look that way. Matthew Stafford needs to cut down his interceptions (12).

No. 13

Chargers (5-6)

Philip Rivers loves the spotlight. Four of San Diego's five wins have come against potential playoff teams (Eagles, Cowboys, Chiefs, Colts).

No. 14

Cowboys (6-5)

Tony Romo is clutch. No, really, Tony Romo is clutch. His 102.9 passer rating in the fourth quarter is the highest of all-time. That's all-time as in NFL history.

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